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Carquinez Bridge “Traffic Switch” to end Monday Morning

Crockett - The Carquinez Bridge “Traffic Switch,” will soon end. Barring any last-minute delays, traffic should be switched back to the 1958 bridge during the early morning hours of October 31, 2005.

Preparatory work will begin this Thursday night, October 27. A series of lane closures will be necessary, starting as early as 9:00 p.m.

Caltrans closed the 1958 bridge, which had been carrying eastbound traffic, at one minute past midnight, September 25, 2005. Eastbound traffic was diverted onto the 1927 bridge, which had sat idle since the opening of the Al Zampa Bridge in November of 2003.

The “Traffic Switch” allowed crews to quickly and safely replace the badly-worn deck on the approach to the 1958 bridge. Using of state-of-the-art construction materials and techniques, Caltrans and its contractors are building a new deck that will be stronger, smoother, safer, and more durable.

In addition, a new, Fastrak-only booth will be available to commuters after the traffic has been switched back. Located near the middle of the toll plaza, it will be the third Fastrak-only booth at the Carquinez.

More information, including videos, can be found at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/carquinez.htm>





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